

REPORTING THE STATE OF AN
APPARATUS TO A REMOTE COMPUTER

Abstract

5 The state of an apparatus is reported to a remote computer using an embedded device in the apparatus. The embedded device detects the state, generates an electronic mail message that reports the state using a self-describing computer language, and sends the electronic mail message to
10 the remote computer. The remote computer receives the electronic mail message and extracts the state of the embedded device from the message.

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